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## **Youth Council to hear agencies' funding requests for city youth programming**

The **City of Milwaukee Youth Council** is expected to make allocation recommendations **TOMORROW - Wednesday, October 24** after hearing from agencies which have applied for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding to be used for programs and projects benefiting city youths.

**The allocation recommendations (to be forwarded to the Common Council's Community and Economic Development Committee) are expected to be made during Wednesday's Youth Council meeting at 4:30 p.m. in the third floor Council Chamber at City Hall.** At the meeting, two agencies will present proposals and answer questions posed by Youth Council members.

The Youth Council has a total of \$34,980 in CDBG reprogramming funds available for allocation. Those who have submitted requests for funding include:

- **Pathfinders Milwaukee, Inc.** – Requesting \$34,980 to fund two peer advocate positions providing outreach and peer support to run away, homeless, and at-risk youth and provide internal referrals to specialized sex trafficking, basic needs services, and emergency youth shelter programs. Pathfinders currently serves more than 7,000 youth in the Milwaukee area and the grant would focus on youths 14-18 years of age who are aging out of foster care, are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, and struggling with emotional, cognitive, and physical challenges.

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## Youth Council meeting/ADD ONE

- **Walker's Point Youth and Family Center** – Requesting \$34,980 for crises intervention non-residential therapy for low-income Milwaukee youths between 14-18 years of age. The non-residential therapists would provide an array of services including free non-residential therapy, outreach to schools and youth centers to provide information about the offered therapy services, follow up care for youth who have transitioned out of the program, and distributing information to youth about resources for mental health, homelessness, and employment opportunities.

After the proposals by Pathfinders Milwaukee Inc. and Walker's Point Youth and Family Center, the Milwaukee Health Department will give a presentation on adolescent suicide prevention.

The meeting will be televised live by the City Channel via streaming video on the city website at [www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25](http://www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25).

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